Atlantic Maritimes Tour and Viking Trail

Combine the Atlantic Maritimes and the Newfoundland's Viking Trail itineraries to make this 18-day combo tour. Featured are highlights of four maritime provinces, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland's west coast, with a touch of Viking history! It's also possible to extend and enjoy a full tour of Newfoundland.





18 days/17 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Halifax

Arrive in Halifax and check in to our accommodations which are ideally located in the downtown core of this vibrant and cosmopolitan urban centre on the Atlantic Ocean. Meet our Tour Director and fellow travelers this evening at a Meet and Greet Event.

Cambridge Suites Hotel - Halifax, Nova Scotia

Option: You may wish to add additional nights in Halifax or a city tour to your vacation package. Bursting with culture and rich history, Nova Scotia's capital city has much to offer.

Day 2: Halifax, NS to Moncton, NB

Explore the Bay of Fundy and learn about the world's highest tides as we meander its colourful coastline to New Brunswick's bilingual city of Moncton. En route, explore the Joggins Fossil Cliffs, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See magnificently exposed layers of rock revealing the world's most complete fossil record of life in the "Coal Age" of 300 million years ago. After crossing into New Brunswick, an unforgettable culinary experience awaits as we cruise the warm waters of Shediac Bay aboard a lobster boat; learn about the fishing industry and savour a delicious lobster supper. Arrive in Moncton and check into our downtown hotel for the night.

Crowne Plaza Moncton Downtown - Moncton, New Brunswick

Day 3: Moncton, NB to Saint John, NB

Experience a true natural wonder this morning as we visit the Hopewell Rocks on the coast of the Bay of Fundy. Marvel at these massive flower-pot shaped formations sculpted by the highest tides on the planet. Travel through Fundy National Park on to Canada's first incorporated city, Saint John, on the southern New Brunswick coast. Enjoy a city tour, including the Reversing Falls, before checking into our harbour-front accommodations for a two-night stay. (B, L)

<u>Hilton Saint John</u> - Saint John, New Brunswick

Day 4: St. Andrews by-the-Sea

Enjoy a day trip to picturesque St. Andrews by-the Sea where the quaint charm of this coastal town is sure to captivate. After a Whale Watching Boat Tour (weather permitting), the afternoon is ours to experience the friendly people, beautiful architecture, and rich marine life of this seaside gem at our own pace.

(B. I.)

Hilton Saint John - Saint John, New Brunswick

Day 5: Saint John, NB to Annapolis Valley, NS

Enjoy free time in Saint John this morning before we ferry back to Nova Scotia; be on the look-out for whales as we cross the Bay of Fundy. Arrive in Digby, the scallop capital of the world, where the fresh sea air and passionate Acadian culture combine to form an enchanting and historically rich town. We overnight in the Annapolis Valley. (B, D)

Digby Pines Golf Resort and Spa - Digby, Nova Scotia

Day 6: Annapolis Valley, NS to Halifax, NS

Travel the lush Annapolis Valley and learn about the French Acadians who established their first settlement in the early 1600's. Visit Grand Pre World UNESCO Site where fact and fiction blend to reveal the romance of the Land of Evangeline. Visit a local winery for a tour and tasting before travelling back to Halifax for the evening. This is a crossover day where tour participants may leave or join the tour. (B)

<u>Cambridge Suites Hotel</u> - Halifax, Nova Scotia

Day 7: Halifax, NS to Oak Island, NS

Discover the rustic charm of the renowned fishing village of Peggy's Cove where we will enjoy breakfast. Travel Nova Scotia's South Shore and on to the UNESCO World Heritage Town of Lunenburg, renowned for her fleets of Grand Banks' fishing schooners. Take a walking tour to fully experience one of the most remarkably preserved colonial settlements in the New World, and visit the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic to learn about the town's famous seafaring heritage. We are then off to postcard-perfect Mahone Bay where a trinity of 19th century-built churches represents an iconic cultural landscape of Nova Scotia. Enjoy some free time to stroll through the town and chat with the welcoming locals who have been known to share superstitions, legends and fables that date back to the rumrunning days. Arrive in Western Shore for the night and learn of legendary Oak Island – home of the world's longest running hunt for lost treasure. We overnight at a peaceful and serene ocean-side resort.

(B, D)

Cambridge Suites Hotel - Halifax, Nova Scotia

Day 8: Oak Island, NS to Charlottetown, PE

Once only accessible by ferry, today we arrive on Prince Edward Island via the Confederation Bridge, the world's longest continuous multi-span bridge. En route, learn about Mi'kmaq culture at the Glooscap Heritage Centre & Mi'kmaq Museum. Arrive at your accommodation in Charlottetown, the birthplace of Canada, for a two-night stay.

Take in a theatre performance this evening by local entertainers at the Confederation Centre of the Arts, or a substituted activity depending on the theatre schedule the date of your tour.
(B)

Rodd Charlottetown - Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Day 9: Prince Edward Island Touring

Enjoy a free morning in Charlottetown, Canada birthplace, or join a complimentary walking tour of the city. This afternoon, we drive by red cliffs, white beaches, gently sloping sand dunes and green fields as we make our way to Prince Edward Island National Park. Before returning to Charlottetown, we visit Green Gables Heritage Site, the alluring inspiration of Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic Anne of Green Gables books. You will experience true Maritime hospitality this evening at a traditional lobster supper (alternate menu available).

(B. D)

Rodd Charlottetown - Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Day 10: Charlottetown, PE to Baddeck, NS

Ferry over the Northumberland Strait back to Nova Scotia and proceed to Cape Breton Island - the Scotland of North America - via the Canso Causeway. Visit the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site in Baddeck to learn of the many accomplishments of this genius who made his home on the island. Arrive at our accommodations on the Bras d'Or Lake where we will spend two nights.

(B, D)

Inverary on Baddeck Bay - Baddeck, Nova Scotia

Day 11: Cabot Trail Touring

We're off to experience one of the most stunningly picturesque drives in North America. The Cabot Trail winds around the rocky splendour of Cape Breton's northern shore, ascending to the incredible plateaus of Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Look-offs offer unforgettable vistas of Cape Breton's rugged coastline so be sure to have your camera on hand. Our day is complimented by a Whale Watching Boat Tour (weather permitting).

(B, Box L, D)

Inverary on Baddeck Bay - Baddeck, Nova Scotia

Day 12: Baddeck, NS to Port aux Basques, NL

The Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site awaits us today. Words cannot do justice to this reconstruction depicting one fifth of the settlement of 1744 New France. Roam the streets and chat with authentically costumed guides. Say farewell to your tour director and passengers of the Maritime portion of your tour and return to the Inverary Resort for the afternoon. Your Newfoundland tour director and fellow travellers will arrive in time for your to become aquainted over dinner. After dinner it's off to North Sydney to board the Marine Atlantic ferry* for a relaxing overnight crossing to Port aux Basques, your port of entry on the island of Newfoundland.

**As there is no baggage handling on the ferry it's recommended that you plan to leave your suitcase on the coach during the crossing and pack your carry-on with essentials for your overnight ferry trip.
(B, D)

*The Marine Atlantic ferry schedule changes from year to year. As such, a day crossing may be necessary and we would overnight in Port aux Basques.

Day 13: Port aux Basques, NL to Port au Choix, NL

Drive through the Codroy Valley and on to Corner Brook, the largest city on the west coast. Your journey continues through Gros Morne National Park – to be enjoyed later on during your tour – to the fishing community of Port au Choix.

(B, L, D)

Sea Echo Motel - Port au Choix, Newfoundland

Day 14: Port au Choix, NL to L'anse au Clair, NL

Board the ferry from St. Barbe to cross the Strait of Belle Isle to Labrador. Continue to Red Bay National Historic Site where the Basques had a whaling station in the 16th century. Spend the night in Labrador. (B, D)

Northern Light Inn - L'Anse au Clair, Labrador

Day 15: L'anse au Clair, NL to St. Anthony, NL

Return to Newfoundland and travel to L'anse aux Meadows National Historic Site, the first cultural discovery in the world to receive recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hear of the Vikings who walked here over a thousand years ago.

(B, D)

The Haven Inn - St. Anthony, Newfoundland

Day 16: St. Anthony's, NL to Cow Head, NL

Enjoy a morning whale watching boat tour in St. Anthony (weather permitting) before travelling to Cow Head for a two-night stay.

(B, D)

*June and early July are the best times to see Titanic-sized icebergs!

Shallow Bay Motel - Cow Head, Newfoundland

Day 17: Gros Morne Local Touring

Discover why Gros Morne National Park is truly one of the highlights of your tour. Visit the Lobster Cove Lighthouse. Enjoy a scenic boat tour (weather permitting) as you learn the geology of the Tablelands, see the bald eagles that frequent the deep waters of the fjord, and hear the history of the small villages nestled on the shores. It is an unforgettable experience; some say the scenery is unequalled in eastern Canada. (B, Box L, D)

Shallow Bay Motel - Cow Head, Newfoundland

Day 18: Cow Head, NL to Deer Lake, NL

Return to Gros Morne National Park to visit the Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse and then continue on to the Deer Lake Airport where your arrangements with Atlantic Tours end.

Please Note: Our tour arrives back in Deer Lake at approximately 12:30 pm and you should not book your flight out of Deer Lake any earlier than 1:30 pm.

Details

Group Size: Maximum 35

2019 Departures:

May: 28* June: 11, 18

July: 02, 16, 23, 30 August: 06*, 13

*Bilingual English/German tours

2019 Prices:

CA\$5,923 - quad CA\$6,020 - triple CA\$6,466 - twin CA\$7,961 - single Taxes: 15% HST

Prices are shown in CA\$ per person based on four people sharing a quad room, three people sharing a triple room, two people sharing a twin room and one person in a single.

Trip Code:

009917-W21

INCLUDED

- Meet and Greet Event
- Atlantic Canadian Tour Director or Driver Guide
- Modern Touring Vehicle
- Joggins Fossil Cliffs a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Lobster Dinner Cruise on Shediac Bay
- Hopewell Rocks Ocean Tidal Exploration Site
- Fundy National Park
- Saint John City Tour including Reversing Falls
- St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Day Trip
- Ferry from New Brunswick to Nova Scotia
- Grand Pre a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Annapolis Valley Winery Tour & Tasting
- Peggy's Cove
- Lunenburg a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic
- Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre
- Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island
- Anne of Green Gables Heritage Place
- Prince Edward Island National Park
- Ferry from Prince Edward Island to Nova Scotia
- · Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site
- World Famous Cabot Trail
- Cape Breton Highlands National Park
- Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site
- Ferry from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland & Labrador
- Port au Choix National Historic Site
- Strait of Belle Isle ferry to/from Labrador
- Red Bay National Historic Site
- L'anse aux Meadows National Historic Site UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Gros Morne National Park UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Tablelands UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Scenic Boat Tour in Gros Morne
- · "Screech In" Ceremony
- 3 Whale Watching Boat Tours

- 17 Nights of accommodation
- 35 Meals including 2 lobster dinners

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to Halifax/from Deer Lake
- Meals other than indicated
- Items of a personal nature
- Tours or transfers other than indicated
- Airport transfers upon arrival/departure
- Insurance
- Applicable taxes

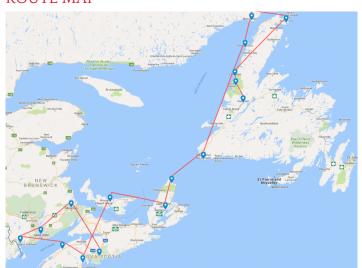
TOUR NOTES

Fresh salt air, sandy beaches, rocky coves, cosmopolitan cities, remote lighthouses, rich history, warm hospitality, rustic fishing villages, succulent seafood, unspoiled nature, varied activities, first-rate facilities and travel routes... all of these things and more make Canada's Maritime Provinces one of the world's most popular destinations. Your Atlantic Canadian journey continues to Newfoundland & Labrador where thousands of years of history come alive as you explore the West Coast. Learn about ancient peoples-the Maritime Archaic and Dorset Indians at Port au Choix, the Vikings in L'Anse aux Meadows, and the Basque Whalers in Red Bay – as you meet the hospitable and friendly people of today. See the beauty of Gros Morne National Park – a UNESCO World Heritage Site and coastal fishing communities. Take a boat tour in St. Anthony (weather permitting) where you may see whales and, depending on the time of year, icebergs!

This tour is a combination of the Atlantic Maritimes tour (comprised of three shorter tours) and the Newfoundland and Labrador Viking Trail tour. Combining tours provides a lot of flexibility of taking only a portion of the tour if the combo tours are too long. It does, however, necessitate some crossover days as tour participants are leaving and joining tours in progress and a change of tour director en-route.

Disclaimer: We do our utmost to ensure that information posted on our website is correct at the time of publication, however trip details are subject to change without notice by the suppliers and operators involved. We update the information as soon as possible when changes are advised to us, however, we cannot assume responsibility for such changes made by the suppliers and operators.

ROUTE MAP



Contact

Winnipeg

164 Marion Street Winnipeg, MB, Canada R2H 0T4

Phone: 204.949.0199 Fax: 204.949.0188 Toll Free: 800.661.3830

Edmonton

(formerly Butte Travel Service) 11733 95th St. NW Edmonton, AB, Canada T5G 1M1 Phone: 780.477.3561

Fax: 780.477.9871 Toll Free: 800.661.8906















©The Great Canadian Travel Group Ltd.

Prices listed on our website are stated in Canadian Dollars unless otherwise indicated. Tour details, inclusions and prices were valid at the time of publication but are subject to change without notice due to currency fluctuations, tax increases and at the discretion of the supplier(s). Current prices will be re-quoted for you at the time of booking. By air, land or sea, we can take you anywhere – contact us for your quote today!